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For: DISTAL PROTECTION MECHANICALLY ATTACHED FILTER CARTRIDGE

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By Ellen Pederson  
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Dear Sir:

This paper is in response to the Office Action mailed January 26, 2004, with a shortened statutory period set to expire on April 26, 2004. This paper is filed within the set period for response such that no extension of time is necessary.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.